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1. At a meeting of the politburo of the Austrian Communist Party held on 17 April 1950. Gottlieb Fiala, vice President of the Austrian Trade Union Association, reported on factory organization and the work of the trade unions.
2. Fiala said that the representatives of the Austrian Socialist Party within the individual factories display considerable willingness for close cooperation with communist officials, but that the Socialist Party Executive Board has directed all the party locals to refrain under all circumstances from cooperation with the communists and their factory cells. This directive is neutralizing the personal willingness of the Socialist functionaries for cooperation with the Communists. The party discipline within the socialist party is still strong, although individual violations have been observed.
3. Through the workers and employees' association, the Austrian People's Party issued to its factory functionaries a directive similar to that of the Socialist Party. The effects of this act have been even more farreaching in that numerous workers' representatives of the OeVP who had previously

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✓ sympathized with the Communists have now withdrawn their promises to join a united front against the mounting costs of living for wage increases and for the common struggle against the Fascists in the Association of Independents

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